SUBJECT No. 66.

Hakdar baraward shanbhogs.

Mr. S. Ramanna, Hassan municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that *hakdar baraward* shanbhogs may be permitted to do the work of two or three *firkas* of their *baraward* shanbhogi, if the *firkas* are in one taluk.

Reply of Government.—Individual cases may be brought to notice. No general orders can be passed.

SUBJECT No. 67.

Appointment of shanbhogs by rotation.

Mr. Volahatti Devappa, Gundlupet taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Many villages in the State have more than one *barawarddar* shanbhog and the work is being done by them, in some by turns or rotation, in some by all of them jointly, and in others by only one of them, the potgi being divided among all of them or taken by the officiator alone. By this, the hereditary principle of the shanbhogi appointment is violated. It is therefore prayed that in the case of villages having more than one *hakdar* shanbhog, arrangement may be made for appointing all of them to officiate as shanbhogs by rotation.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 68.

Minor village servants.

1-3. Messrs. Channappa and Chandrappa, Kunigal taluk; Srikantaiya, Sivaramaiya and Naranasetti, Maddagiri taluk; Kodandarama Setti and Channabasavaiya, Tumkur taluk; Madar Sab, Gubbi taluk; Chikbadappa and Agali Venkataramaiya, Sira taluk; B. Anantharajappa, Tumkur District Board.

(2) Messrs. Channabasappagowda, Sorab taluk; M. Basappa, Chitaldrug District Board; Chendappa, Holalkere taluk.

(3) Messrs. Ramanujaiengar and Huchaveeregowda, Gubbi taluk; Subba Rao, Turuvekere sub-taluk; Ramanna, Hoskote taluk; T. Gundappa and Venkataranga Setti, Magadi taluk; Muninagegowda and S. Hanumantha Rao, Devanhalli taluk; Adinaranaiya, Dodballapur taluk; Ranganna, Dodballapur municipality; Naraharaiya, Rudrappa and Krishna Rao, Nelamangala taluk.

(4) Mr. Herur Gundappa, Kunigal taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The *miras* now given to *totis*, *talaris* and *nirgantis* by raiyats is very high. These servants are paid a *miras* in kind aggregating six seers to an acre which would amount to a payment of six annas per acre. Each of the large land owners have thus to pay 50 to 100 rupees on this account. If this *miras* cannot be done away with, it may at least be reduced to half the present scale.

(2) This payment may be ordered to be stopped. The raiyats derive no benefit from these servants, who are in the enjoyment of inam lands and do Government work. Potgi may be paid to these also by Government as in the case of patels and shanbhogs. It was proposed by some members last year that dry land owners should pay them 1 anna in the rupee, wet land owners 6 pies in the rupee and garden owners 3 pies in the rupee. This would add to the taxes already levied from the raiyats. A cess may be introduced to meet the cost of payment of remuneration and the *miras* done away with.

(3) The work in villages is done either by the *toti* or *talari*. In some villages there are not even *talaris*. The *toti* alone does the work of collection of *kandayam* and other Government duties. *Miras* is not being regularly paid to these servants. The small service inam lands given to them are not sufficient to maintain them. The raiyats find it a strain to pay the *miras* owing to bad seasons. This fact is being brought to the notice of Government for years. It is requested that Government may consider this question and remunerate the minor village servants by cash payments.

(4) Formerly patels, shanbhogs, *totis*, *talaris* and *nirgantis* were being paid *masikanike* and *miras*. During the Survey Settlement, *potgi* was fixed for patels and shanbhogs, but *miras* was continued to *totis*, *talaris*, etc. The money value of *miras* which is required to be thus paid forms a good proportion of the kandayam payable to Government. The *miras* which was formerly paid to these is mentioned in the *Barabaluthi* register of 1864. As the present scale exceeds that of 1864, it is prayed that the scale of 1864 be adhered to.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 69.

Remuneration of *totis* and *talaris*.

Messrs. Channabasappa Gowda and Nadig Bhistappa, Sorab taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Taluks re-settled by the Survey Department are yielding increased revenue to the State. It is therefore prayed that the remuneration of *totis* and *talaris* may be paid out of the increased revenues accruing from this source. The raiyats of the Sorab taluk petitioned the Superintendent of Revenue Survey during the revision settlement of the taluk that they could not pay the *Aya* due to these village servants, but the levy has not been abolished.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 68.

SUBJECT No. 70.

Appointment of *totis* and *talaris*.

Mr. Krishnappa, Koppa taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In none of the villages of the malnad taluks are *totis* and *talaris* appointed. This want has been a source of much inconvenience to the village officials in the proper discharge of their duties. It is prayed that they may be appointed soon.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 68.

SUBJECT No. 71.

Supervision of the restoration of minor tanks.

Messrs. B. Alasingrachar and Doddapayanna, Hassan taluk.

Summary of discussion.—We are highly thankful to Government for having sanctioned an increased allotment for carrying out repairs to minor tanks in the State. This work is being carried out by the Maramat department, under the control of the Deputy Commissioners. The existing establishment for supervising works is not as professional as it ought to be. It is prayed that one Sub-Assistant Engineer or Overseer for the whole district and one Sub-Overseer or Taluk Mestri for each taluk, may kindly be deputed to supervise such works.

NOTE.—Subjects Nos. 71 to 84 were taken up together and discussed at some length. The Dewan stated that in connection with the restoration and maintenance of minor tanks, it had been decided to constitute a Committee consisting of 6 gentlemen (3 official and 3 non-official D. R. A. members) to go into the question in detail and submit practical proposals. He mentioned that the Revenue Commissioner, the Deputy Chief Engineer and the Survey Superintendent would be the official members and requested